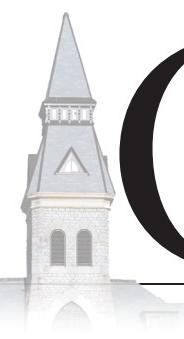


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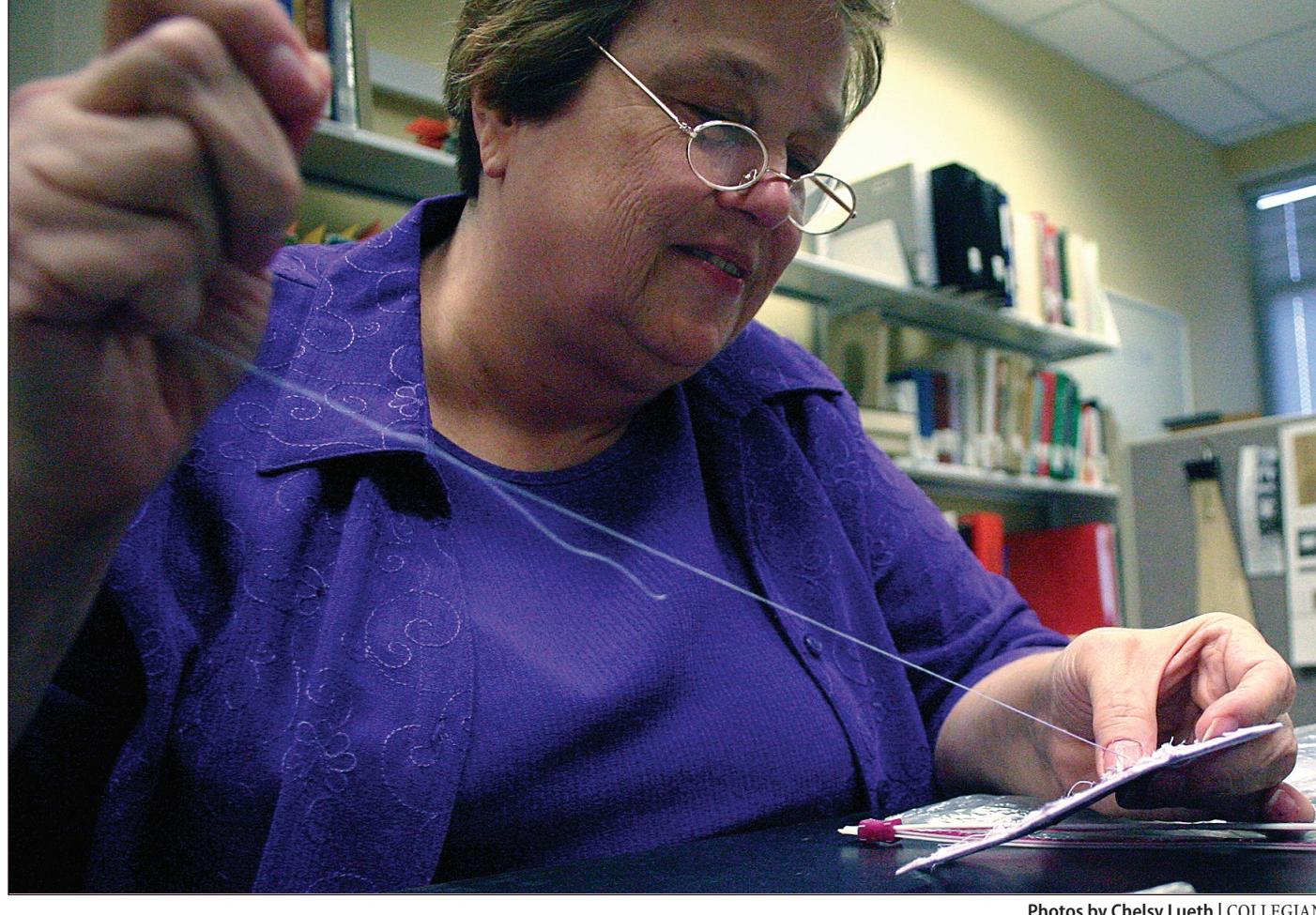
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## 30 Stichers



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Librarian in government publications, Connie Kissee, works on a retirement quilt gift. The librarians have created other retirement quilts as gifts for various other retirees around campus.

### K-State Stitchers use quilting as artistic expression, for charity

By Sarah Rajewski

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For the Scholarly Stitchers, a trip to the fabric store is as exciting as Christmas morning.

The women belonging to this group sit around a table covered in intricately quilted pieces and brightly colored fabrics. About 10 women are tucked into an employees-only room on the fifth floor of Hale Library, where they stitch away.

The Scholarly Stitchers is a quilting group that began when a woman asked Gay Youngman, serials acquisitions specialist for K-State Libraries, to teach her to quilt during lunchtime. She wanted to learn how to quilt before visiting her husband in

Pakistan, said Alice Trussell, director of Fiedler Engineering Library and a member of the group. Other women started coming, and the group was born.

Barbara Steward, head of the math/physics library in Cardwell Hall, said her favorite part of the quilting group was buying fabric, and the other women laughed in agreement.

Steward described buying fabric as an "addiction," having to decide between thousands of choices in a fabric store.

Youngman has been quilting since 1984, when she took a class and "became obsessed." She was also a teacher and said this group is an extension of teaching.

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### 'Extreme Makeover' rebuilding Chapman family's home

Staff report

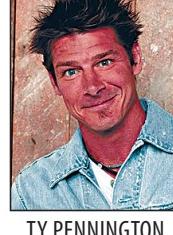
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Early Tuesday morning, Ty Pennington and designers from "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" surprised the Patrick Tutwiler family of Chapman, Kan., with the big "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" bus and limousine to inform the family they had been selected for a home build, according to a press release from Doug Thompson, Chapman public information representative.

The Tutwiler family members have

been living on a military base since their house in Chapman, along with much of the town, was devastated by the June 11 tornado that also swept through Manhattan and K-State's campus.

Patrick Tutwiler was shot in the neck by an Iraqi sniper and returned home with traumatic brain injury,

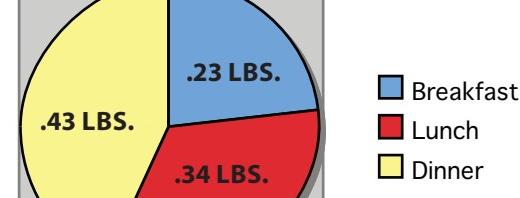


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### All taste no waste program campaign results

Estimated average plate waste per meal



Daily average total plate waste per person: 1 pound

K-State's Dining Services conducted the "All Taste, No Waste" Campaign last week to determine how much food students throw away in the Derby Dining Center at each meal. The results were released this week.

### Museum to showcase influential Kansas artist

By Jelani Yancey

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art will add 25 oil paintings by Birger Sandzen to its collection of works.

The newly acquired paintings will go on display in the Hyle Family Gallery on Friday. The museum is borrowing the paintings from the Birger Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery in Lindsborg, Kan., said Martha Scott, business and marketing manager at the Beach Museum.

K-State associate curator Liz Seaton collaborated with Ron Michael, curator at the Sandzen Gallery, to have these works displayed at K-State from Nov. 14 to Feb. 15, 2009, Scott said.

"Many donors have suggested a Sandzen exhibit over the years," Scott said. "Things finally fell in place with our exhibit schedule and what they had going on at the Sandzen Gallery."

Born in Blidsber, Sweden, in 1871, Sandzen immigrated to the United States in 1894. At Bethany (Kan.) College, Sandzen first taught languages, eventually becoming the head of Bethany's art department, Scott said.

Sandzen was a prolific artist, completing more than 2,600 paintings, 500 watercolors and 300 etchings and lithographs in his lifetime. As a professor, he influenced the next generation of Midwestern artists. He died in 1954.

"This particular exhibit focuses on Sandzen's early years," Scott said. "It



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gives us a chance to show his progression and how his work changed during those years."

Visitors to the Beach Museum's Hyle Gallery will notice as they travel counter-clockwise through the room, that though Sandzen's career began with a formal style, he adopted larger brush strokes as his career progressed.

"He liked being able to grasp the light and colors as opposed to the details," Scott said.

Michael will come to the Beach museum to present an overview of Sandzen's work at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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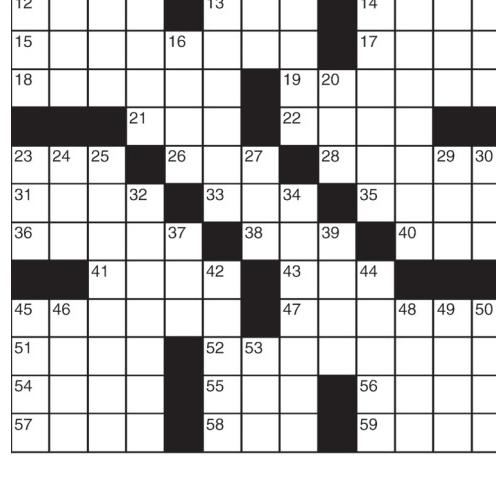
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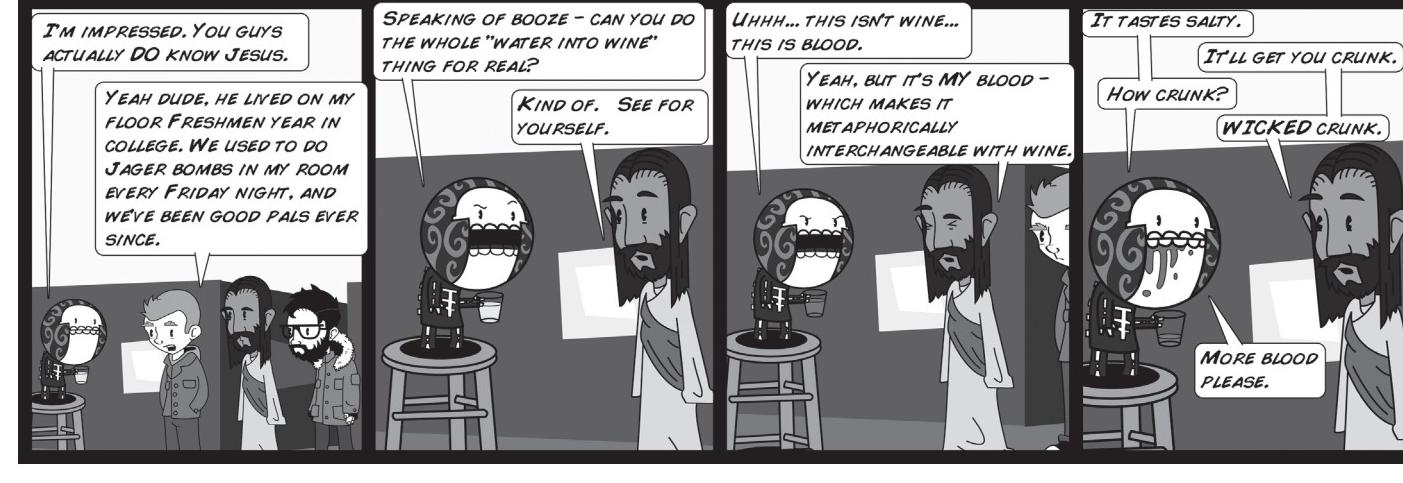
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**Manhattan High School Performing Arts** presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. today, Thursday and Saturday in Rez Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

**Career and Employment Services** will sponsor Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. in Holtz Hall. For more information, go to [www.k-state.edu/ces](http://www.k-state.edu/ces).

**The influenza vaccine** is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Thursday and Nov. 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, [www.k-state.edu/lafene](http://www.k-state.edu/lafene), for vaccine dates/times and info.

**Career and Employment Services** will sponsor Career Jeopardy from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union Little Theater. For more information, go to [www.k-state.edu/ces](http://www.k-state.edu/ces).

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Carolina Feoli at 10 a.m. Friday in Weber 146.

**Praise of the Peoples II** will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday at University Christian Church. The event is for international and American friends who will sing and pray together in 10 or more languages. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert native to their home country to share with others.

**K-State TV** will air a three-hour special presentation called "JAZZATHON" at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings through November. "JAZZATHON" is a showcase of the area's best jazz artists, featuring K-State music faculty, students and guests. The program promises a blend of jazz styles and performances.

**Blue Key Senior Honorary** will sponsor "Catalyst: A Self Development Experience" for freshmen and sophomores, a weekly leadership small-group experience at set times

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**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Matthew James Berg at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in Cardwell 119.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Zhongwen Tang at 3 p.m. Nov. 17 in Kramer 120.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Daba Gedafa at 11 a.m. Nov. 18 in Fiedler 2116.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Cris Ugolini at 1 p.m. Nov. 18 in Cardwell 119.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Nikki Currie at 10 a.m. Nov. 19 in Blument 368.

**The Student Organization for Cultural Studies** Student Film Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in K-State Student Union 212. Admission is free. Entries in the "polished film" and "24-hour challenge" categories will be shown.

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**Mouhamadou Wilane**, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 9:53 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Melvin Tyree Kirk**, 916 Pottawatomie Ave., was arrested at 10:47 a.m. for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$7,024.23.

**Davon Kna McGhee**, 2215 College Ave., Apt. A204, was arrested at 2 p.m. for obstruction of the legal process, reckless driving and fleeing or attempting to allude a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**James Edward Marsh**, 300 N. Fifth St., No. 9C, was arrested at 2:11 p.m. for battery and criminal restraint. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Joshua David White**, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 2:30 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

**Jamie Jerome Burnett**, 2500 Farm Bureau Road, Lot 257, was arrested at 2:35 p.m. for theft. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Marwin Lee Hudge**, 1105 Ratone St., was arrested at 4:30 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

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# Engineering club given award 14 years in a row

By Sarah Burford  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers has received the national "outstanding chapter" award for the 14th year in a row.

James Swanson, senior in chemical engineering, is the president of AICHE. University chapters must meet certain criteria to win the award, but most chapters don't have the track record K-State does.

"Every university that meets those criteria wins an outstanding student chapter award," Swanson said. "Usually, it's not that consistent. Most universities don't have that kind of turnover."

Walter Walawender, professor in chemical engineering, has been the adviser for K-State's AICHE chapter since 1978.

He said the chapter was started in 1934 and made a major improvement in 1993 when they began hosting more activities to qualify for the outstanding chapter award. The national award is given to a maximum of 10 percent of the chapters, which ranges from 11 to 15 chapters per year.

"The main purpose of the student chapters is to develop professionalism," Walawender said.

He said the chapters are evaluated based on the speakers they invite, the community service they perform, their development of professionalism, mentoring of underclassmen and social and intramural activities.

Swanson said he is in charge of setting up speakers from companies and various departments to come to the club's meetings. Speakers have included representatives from companies like Cargill, Chevron and Black and Veatch.

"They talk to us about different aspects of engineering and different aspects of the workplace," he said. "We try to find people on campus to come speak to us."

For community service, the group conducts three projects per semester, including helping Acacia fraternity with its "drive-by" raking in the fall.

Walawender said the chapter's string of awards is not common among university chapters across the nation. He said only two other chapters in the nation have had winning streaks longer than 14 years.

"Not too many chapters reach this high of a level," he said. "That's unusual."

Eleven K-State students from the chapter will travel to Philadelphia to receive the award at the national student conference



COURTESY PHOTO

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers has about 120 members, and they meet six times a semester. The next meeting is Dec. 4. Members must be chemical engineering majors.

on Sunday.

Walawender said more than 1,000 students usually attend. The AICHE chapter also will compete in the Chem-E car competition, in which students compare cars they have built that are powered by chemical reactions. K-State is participating

in this competition for the seventh consecutive time and has finished in the top 10 for five of its recent competitions.

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## Music therapy course returns in spring, focuses on student observations

By Bethaney Wallace  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State will offer a course in music therapy this spring. Survey of Music Therapy, which was first offered at K-State in spring 2007, gives students a chance to learn the basics in the field of music therapy.

"Music therapy is the use of music as a therapeutic goal to achieve a non-musical goal," said Teri Holmberg, instructor for the Department of Music.

Holmberg focuses on children with special needs at the Stone

House Ruth Hoeflin Early Childhood Education Center. Students sing or play instruments as part of their therapy.

"Music is the tool," Holmberg said of the therapy process. "They're engaged in the music making. It's not a passive process."

Holmberg also writes songs for autistic children to teach them how to respond in social situations.

"Music is a vehicle for them to retain the information and function independently," Holmberg said.

Music therapy students will ob-

serve Holmberg's sessions at Stone House once a week. There are cameras placed throughout the classroom for the students to observe from separate viewing rooms.

"Children automatically connect with music," said LuAnn Hoover, coordinator for Early Childhood lab. "There's any number of things you can teach through music."

Holmberg pushed strongly for the observation portion of the course so students could better understand music therapy.

"Music therapy is difficult to de-

scribe because it's so individualized to each client," she said. "[You get a] much better idea if you see them work."

Though K-State does not offer a degree in music therapy, offering the class still gives students the opportunity to learn about the field.

Holmberg first came to K-State a year ago when her husband became the director of McCain Auditorium. Holmberg pitched the idea of a music therapy class to President Jon Wefald and Gary Mortenson, head of the Department of Music.

"She has a lot of things to bring to K-State, and we wanted to take advantage of it," Mortenson said. "I think a lot of our students have interest in music therapy and [this class] is a way for them to explore it without declaring a major."

The course, MUSIC 510, will be at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and is open to all students. It has no prerequisites.

"We hope that it's very popular and students will see the value in being exposed to this field," Mortenson said.

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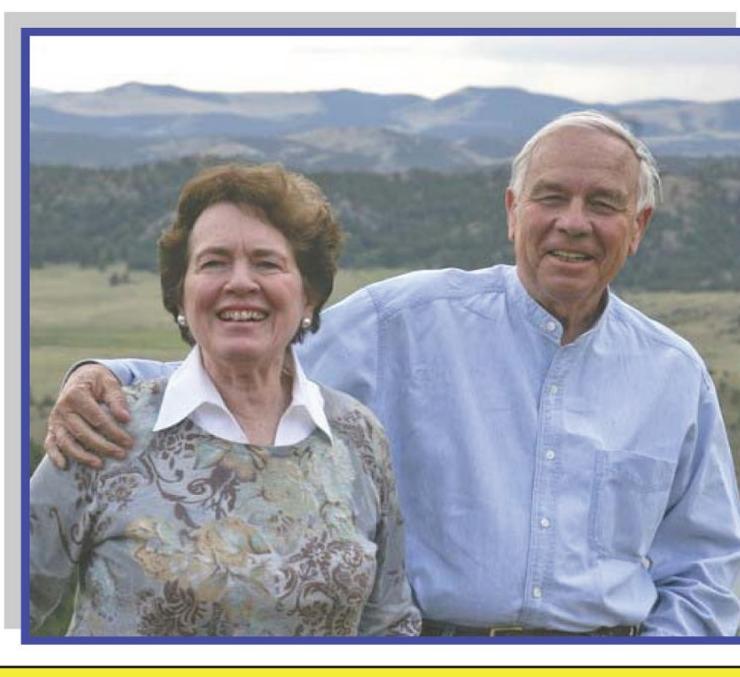
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# Tough labor

## Unions act like parasites, drain employees until there's nothing left



TIM HADACHEK

The leech is one of nature's most detestable creatures. Inhabiting the murk and slime of stagnant water, it lies in wait until an unsuspecting host happens by. The leech then attaches itself and feeds off the blood of the living organism.

Today's labor unions are like leeches on the companies that they work for. A leech, however, detaches itself when it has had its fill. The parasites of today's organized labor don't stop draining their employers' ability to make profits until both the company and its jobs die.

American business is full of examples of trade unions damaging the very industry they rely on.

Detroit automakers are busy promoting the idea that they deserve federal bailout dollars because they are being required to build more environmentally friendly cars. Never mind the fact companies like Toyota are still projected to make a profit of more than \$5 billion this year. Toyota operates many plants here in the U.S., in some cases just across town from those owned by American makers.

So what's the difference? American automakers employ workers from the United Auto Workers Union and Toyota employees are not unionized. Of the \$50 billion in new loans that the Big Three want from the government, \$25 billion will go directly to health care pensions for retired union workers. Think about that: half of the money won't even be used to help the company fix itself.

The effects of unions, of course, are prevalent in many other areas of the U.S. economy. Railworkers' unions helped to bankrupt our railroad system a generation ago, forcing us to support their rem-

nants with taxpayer dollars.

Teachers' unions long have prevented us from true education reform, instead giving us bad teachers who stick around forever because they have tenure.

Now, unions want to strengthen their power even more. Organized labor has been on the decline for the past two decades, thanks in part to Republican presidential administrations. But today they see an opening. In contrast to President Clinton, who was lukewarm at best on labor, Barack Obama is the darling of unions nationwide.

The Associated Press notes, "The labor unions that helped Barack Obama win the White House are looking for some payback."

The lobbyists for labor list making it easier to form unions, expanding the pool of people who can join and making it illegal for employers to replace striking workers at the top of their agenda.

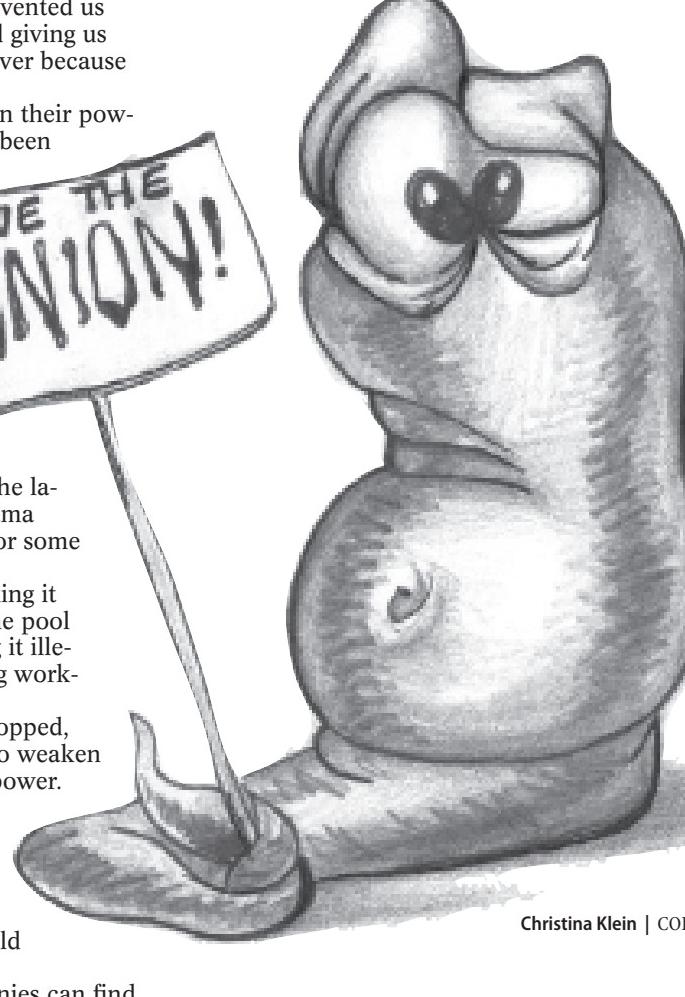
All these provisions must be stopped, and the government should move to weaken organized labor — not increase its power.

Certainly, labor unions can serve a productive purpose in our society. In large corporations, the ability to collectively bargain with your employer is a sensible provision. Even the ability to strike should be protected.

But at the same time, if companies can find workers willing to work for less, they should be allowed to hire them. Workers should not be required to join unions as they often are today.

The real irony of organized labor in the United States is that talented workers almost always would be better off without their union. Without guarantees of employment, companies would be able to cut off the dead weight and pay their productive

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employees more and offer them more benefits. It's time for Americans to pull the leech of organized labor off our economy.

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**To the tool that stole my crutches and started dancing with them at the bars on Saturday night: next time, bring your own dance crap.**

**To the writers of "You Suck": stop trying to be so edgy and offensive, and start trying to do your job and be funny.**

**"Derbs." It's like the runs only you get it from the Derb.**

**I wanna be a lawyer.**

**The real reason the football team was so bad under Coach Prince is because they spent every night training my dogs to jump through a hoop.**

**The reason they were always buying Jessica drinks is because she showed them where the trains come in, if you know what I'm saying.**

**Well, it's true, I do know all the best stops. Choo-choo.**

**Just don't test my urine.**

**And now, all the doves are crying.**

**"Cash Cab" is the greatest show ever.**

**Sarah Palin may be able to shoot a moose, but I'm glad she's not my vice president.**

**To the Tri Delt by the ice cream machine in the Derby: don't look at me that way.**

**Excuse me, kind sir, do you have a dog so that I may go hunting?**

**I just met this super hot girl. Too bad you can't put a paper bag over personality.**

**Please get more pictures of Jessica Biel.**

**Oh, yeah? Well, if your mom was breakfast food, she'd be an omelet. A momlet.**

**Imagine the headless horseman had a headless horse. That would be chaos.**

## Students' behavior can affect university's image

In my two years at K-State, I've met many different types of people. Some leave me with a smile, and others leave me wondering where the heck they came from and why they think their behavior is acceptable.

How people act not only affects what

others think of them, but it also affects what people think of the various groups they are associated with, like their friends, family and extracurricular groups.

As a student, it also goes back to what people think of their university. Many high school students often rely heavily on what others think of the schools they are considering. One look at [studentsreview.com](http://studentsreview.com), and many might decide to keep on looking.

K-State students and alumni rank K-State high in areas of education quality, faculty accessibility, scholastic success, campus safety and campus aesthetics.

Amazingly, K-State's lowest rankings were for social life and the surrounding city. These were given the grades of B+. It makes you wonder if these reviewers ever walked through Aggierville on a Friday night.

What might turn outsiders off is what is said about the conduct of the students and faculty. One reviewer said the Office of Student Life was condescending and treated her horribly every time she went to talk.

She also claimed coursework in every department was unchallenging. This person had just finished her first year in the College of Education, so one can imagine she hadn't delved into too many of the upper-level courses.

Another reviewer claimed K-State was evil and a useless university. After studying electrical engineering for four years, she thought students here were racist and everyone was a gay or lesbian in disguise.

In fact, she suggests this school to anyone who is white, racist and closed-minded. That comment, of course, wasn't at all racist or closed-minded. I guess this student wasn't aware of the many clubs and organizations devoted to promoting diversity on campus.

A nontraditional student said because she was twice everyone's age, attended classes in her military uniform and represented authority, she was immediately shunned.

While I can't speak for everyone, I have never seen any student or professor treat any member of the military or ROTC program with disrespect.

It could be that being different from everyone else had put this student on guard, as she expected to be ridiculed by her younger classmates.

One reviewer warned smart students to go somewhere else.

"I feel my IQ drop over 10 points per minute," she said, of walking around on campus. She also stated that students are completely stupid when sober.

Her listed major was undecided, but she considered herself quite bright. She must not have caught her misspelled words.

I'm sure everyone who attends or has attended K-State can find something they like and something they dislike about their peers. However, that diversity comes with a student body of more than 20,000 strong.

All these reviews contained angry ramblings that can be argued for or against easily. It's safe to say that all these students had come into contact with a student or faculty member who rubbed them the wrong way.

Whether these people were having a bad day, were simply taken the wrong way or really don't know what they're talking about, their behavior has created a negative view of K-State as a whole.

**Amanda Moerlien is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to [opinion@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@spub.ksu.edu).**



Christina Klein | COLLEGIAN

### TO THE POINT

## K-State students should not overlook the technology on our campus

**TO THE POINT** is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

We want to offer our congratulations to K-State for being named the number two college in the nation for the availability of technology.

K-State earned this top spot because we have a team of people who are willing to put in countless hours to help students, faculty and staff with their personal computers and telephone services.

We are also the only campus that prohibits the use of any peer-to-peer programs

that aid in downloading pirated entertainment, like movies and music. This might seem annoying to poor college students, but it actually keeps us out of trouble.

If we can't download illegally, then the record and movie companies won't be able to press charges against us like they have done to students from other universities in the past.

Our campus also has between 75 and 99 percent of lectures available online. Even if a student cannot make it to class that day, they can still get caught up on the lectures via the Internet.

This is also helpful to our distance education students who might be studying toward their degree in another state, but have to take classes from K-State because we have a specialized degree that they cannot earn anywhere else.

If you wish you knew more about technology, you can always look into the classes that Hale library offers to students and faculty.

Everything seems to be shifting online these days, so get informed and take advantage of all that K-State has to offer while you're here. The more you know, the better off you'll be.

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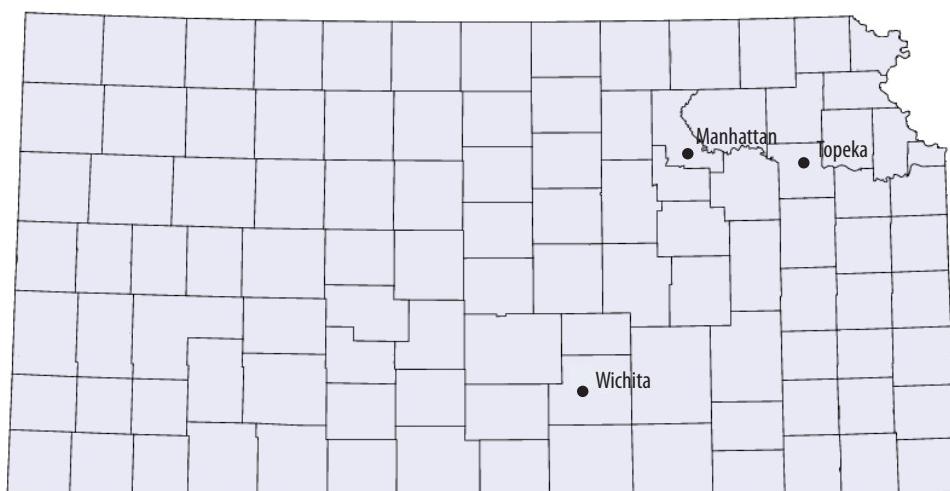
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## KANSAS BRIEFS



## KANSAS' 'FIRST DUDE' PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL YOUNG READERS WEEK

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' husband, "First Dude" Judge Gary Sebelius, took time out of his busy schedule to read to a local elementary school Monday, according to a recent press release.

The judge read Rod Clement's "Grandpa's Teeth" to third graders at Kay E. Meadows Elementary in Topeka as part of the National Young Readers Week.

"I enjoy participating in programs like this that encourage reading and reminds kids that it's something they can do for a lifetime," Judge Sebelius said in the release.

Students throughout the nation celebrate this event each year, which is co-founded by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Pizza Hut Inc.

More information about the program can be found at [www.bookitprogram.com](http://www.bookitprogram.com).

## ATTORNEY GENERAL SUES VERIZON TO HALT ACQUISITION OF ALLTEL

Kansas Attorney General Steve Six filed suit against Verizon Wireless' acquisition of Alltel Corporation, according to a recent press release.

The proposed settlement requires Verizon to divest assets in 100 cellular market areas in 22 states; six of the market areas are in Kansas.

"These divestitures are necessary to

preserve competition in the wireless cellular market," Six said in the press release.

Verizon is the second-largest wireless provider in the United States, serving 70 million people in 49 states. Alltel is the fifth largest, serving about 13 million subscribers in 35 states. Both are the main providers throughout western Kansas, according to the release.

Without interference, the acquisition would have decreased competition of mobile wireless services in western Kansas, which would result in higher prices, lower quality of services and reduced network investments.

## KANSAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME KICKS OFF FIRST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The first-annual membership drive kick-off party for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame will take place Saturday, according to a recent press release.

Coaches, players and mascots from local Wichita sports teams will make appearances.

Food will be provided to the public free of charge, and those who attend also will have the chance to win door prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$15 for upcoming activities including Sunday Movie Matinees, Final Friday Gallery crawl and children's sports clinics.

For information on these upcoming events, visit [www.kshof.org](http://www.kshof.org).

## 'The Mousetrap' playing at the MAC, follows Agatha Christie murder mystery

Staff Report  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan Arts Center will present "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie Nov. 14-16 and Nov. 20-23. The Thursday-Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday performances will begin at 2 p.m.

The play is about a young couple whose hotel and guests are snowed in. A detective arrives to inform them a murderer might

be on the way to the hotel. After one of the guests is killed, they realize the murderer is already there. Pinpointing the killer drives the plot.

The play is directed by Bridget Lachowsky and is sponsored by Konza Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Commerce Bank, and Jan and Fred Gibbs in memory of Charlotte Edelman.

Tickets are on sale now. Adult tickets are \$13, military \$11, students \$10 and children \$6.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Americans should focus on uniting among themselves, not under president

Editor,

Normally, I would not respond to newspaper articles because I find that it does not really matter. And there have, in fact, been a few that I would have responded to if I would have had the time.

Jim Banks criticized people who put up biblical and opinionated Facebook statuses, which is fine – if you take both sides of the argument.

Not once did he write about the people who found salvation in the election of our first black president. He had things to say about those people who had negative Facebook statuses. He ridiculed everyday people.

But he also turned around and said he was ready for change. For him to say people should unite under one president because it brings change is asking much of a society in which people cannot even respect or agree with their neighbors.

For this American society that voted for a president that flies a flag other than the American flag over his name, where is the unified organization? I remember from day one of President Bush's election, people were on him with every criticism I have heard, and again when we invaded Afghanistan and Iraq.

It is completely unreasonable to publish an idea like that when the people who say they are ready to stand behind change were quick to shutdown Bush's change.

But the past is the past and it can't

be changed now, so what will Obama change? And why must my Facebook status be critiqued by someone who is clearly not trying to look at the other side of the issue?

Our first black president will be the first and definite change, and while he coerced much of the United States to vote for him, we will see come January 2009 how much our nation will change.

If there has been any immediate change, it is that some of our society has reverted back to racism or biblical damnation to defend their ideals about Obama. So yet again I ask you, how will you expect a nation of people who speak their minds and do not respect laws or constitutional rights to come together?

The change that is the most needed in this country is not a president but a mindset of the everyday American. Sure, someone might have voted for Obama or McCain, but are their best interests in line with their neighbors?

Do not unite under a president; unite together, unite under the American flag and the principles this country was founded on; find some middle ground or cooperation and let your voice be heard.

Until then, it will be nonsense fighting over a man who will be the face of our nation, which is openly in turmoil not only with the economy but with itself.

Josh Rodrock

Freshman in arts and sciences

## Manhattan Mercury site can help residents find justice in rental system

Editor,

Thank you for your coverage in Tuesday's Collegian of the issues surrounding inspections of rental properties in Manhattan.

As your story pointed out, one issue is that college students often don't know about the system for filing a complaint about their rental property, and they don't know about the information contained in past complaints.

That's part of the reason we have created a tool so that anybody can search a database of all property code

violations cited by the city government since May 1995. The database is searchable by address and by the owner's name.

It's at [www.themercury.com/classifieds/apartments](http://www.themercury.com/classifieds/apartments). We certainly hope it continues to be helpful, no matter which direction the city ultimately takes on the creation of a broader rental inspection program.

Ned Seaton

General manager

The Manhattan Mercury

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## NFL NEWS

**LAW SIGNS WITH JETS TO PLAY AGAINST PATRIOTS**

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Ty Law walked through the locker room, looking comfortable again in Jets green and white, when Kerry Rhodes yelled over to him.

"Hey, Ty!" Rhodes said with a big grin. "I love you, Ty!"

Talk about a warm welcome back. The five-time Pro Bowl cornerback passed his physical and practiced with New York on Tuesday after signing a one-year deal to rejoin the team he played for three seasons ago.

"I'm just happy I got another opportunity to come up here and play and help this team," Law said. "I think they're on the right track and they're moving in the right direction. And, I'm not the oldest guy in the locker room anymore. Thanks, Brett."

Law, who at 34 is five years younger than Brett Favre, spent the last two seasons with Kansas City. He sat out the first 10 weeks as a free agent, but coach Eric Mangini said Law was in excellent shape and could play Thursday against the Patriots.

"We'll see how it goes here today," said Mangini, who knows Law from their days in New England. "I think there's definitely a chance."

The Jets released cornerback Justin Miller, a Pro Bowl kick returner in 2006, to make room for Law.

"I think he's an excellent returner," Mangini said. "I think he's got a really bright future ahead of him."

For now, the Jets believe Law helps them more in the secondary despite showing few signs during the last two seasons of being the shutdown cornerback he once was. He has 52 career interceptions, but just six in his two seasons with Kansas City.

**AILING BRONCOS SIGN RUNNING BACK BELL**

The injury-riddled Denver Broncos have signed running back Tatum Bell.

Denver traded Bell to the Detroit Lions in March 2007, along with tackle George Foster, for cornerback Dre' Bly. Bell was a 1,000-yard rusher for the Broncos in 2006 and was a second-round pick of Denver's out of Oklahoma State in 2004.

The speedster was cut by the Lions this summer. He is infamously remembered for being accused of taking fellow running back Rudi Johnson's luggage from the facility after he was cut and Johnson was signed by the Lions. Johnson accused Bell of taking his belongings. Bell said it was an honest mistake.

Bell has been out of work since being cut by the Lions and he was living and working in Denver for the past two months. The Broncos called Bell for a workout Tuesday after they suffered a series of injuries at tailback. Bell is expected to suit up Sunday at Atlanta.

*-espn.com*



TY LAW

# A two-man race



GARY PATTERSON



BILL SNYDER

## Search narrowing down to current TCU coach and past K-State coach

By Cole Manbeck  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The future coach of K-State football appears to be narrowed down to a two-man race between former K-State coach Bill Snyder and current Texas Christian University coach Gary Patterson.

Chaos broke loose last Friday when *GoPowercat.com* reported that sources indicated Patterson would become the 34th football coach in Wildcat history, only two days after K-State coach Ron Prince was fired. The reported details were that Patterson was set to receive a five-year contract worth nearly \$2 million per year.

He is paid \$1.3 million per year at TCU, and it is believed he has a buyout of approximately \$750,000.

The story was retracted an hour after coming out when Patterson's agent adamantly denied contact between K-State and Patterson. K-State Athletic Director Bob Krause said he was in the preliminary stages of the coaching search and that no contact had been made to any candidates for the position.

The story broke less than 24 hours after Patterson's team had suffered its toughest loss of the season, when the Horned Frogs fell to No. 8 Utah 13-10 in a game they led for more than 59 minutes — ending any hope of a BCS bowl berth for Patterson's squad.

According to NCAA rule, a new coach cannot be announced for at least two weeks after a coach is fired, unless it is an internal coach currently on the staff of the team where the coach was fired.

"Anybody who would do anything like this right now, when I have a responsibility to my own university before my season is over — I'm not real happy with people who fire people before a season is over," Patterson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram late Friday. "And I would be less happy with anybody who would ever talk about taking another job until they finish their own."

Patterson would bring a great recruiting pipeline to K-State, with strong ties to the Dallas metropolitan area, one of the nation's most fertile recruiting areas.

He has four of the top 100 Texas players committed to him at TCU, including three

in the top 30 within the Lone Star State.

He also has a knack for coaching good defenses, something K-State is missing. TCU ranks second in the nation in total defense, allowing only 220 yards per game.

Patterson played football at K-State from 1980-81 and graduated in 1983. He also served as a graduate assistant at K-State in 1982. He has a 71-27 career record at TCU.

Meanwhile, there has been speculation that Snyder has strong interest in returning to the sidelines at K-State.

If Snyder were to take the job, it would likely be for a few years with a successor named to take over after he restores order within the program. The successor likely would be a younger coach who would serve under Snyder's tutelage for a certain period of time.

However, Krause said during a teleconference last Wednesday that he had yet to consult Snyder about the coaching search, but added he intended to do that shortly.

Krause did not eliminate the possibility of Snyder returning.

## Cats take on CU; win would be record-breaking for coach

Staff Report  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The last time the K-State volleyball team took on Colorado, the situation was eerily similar.

In the few weeks leading up to the Wildcats' showdown with the Buffaloes, K-State had strung together several solid victories before falling victim to the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Things are no different this time around. After winning four straight conference matches, the Wildcats were swept by the Huskers in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday.

Following its first loss to Nebraska, K-State rebounded with a solid sweep of Colorado in Manhattan on Sept. 20. The No. 14 Wildcats (21-5, 11-4 Big 12 Conference) look to repeat that strong performance when they tangle with the Buffaloes (12-11, 6-8 Big 12) at 6:30 p.m. central time in Boulder, Colo.

The Buffaloes have been playing well against conference

teams at home this season and are 5-2 in Big 12 matches played in the Coors Events Center. Included in that stretch is Colorado's 3-1 upset of then No. 2 Nebraska on Oct. 29.

The Wildcats might have extra incentive to come home with a win. Coach Suzie Fritz is just one win shy of breaking the school's all-time wins record. Fritz earned her 168th career victory against Oklahoma on Nov. 5.

Colorado has been led this season by senior Alex Buth and junior Emilee Sisco, who are averaging 2.87 and 2.7 kills per game, respectively.

K-State, which has been paced by a trio of seniors throughout the season, will counter the Buffaloes' attack with the strong net play of Rita Liliom and Natalya Korobkova. The pair of outside hitters have been dominant this season, averaging 4.21 and 3.27 kills per game.

Middle blocker Megan Farr has also enjoyed a solid senior campaign for the Wildcats. She is



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN  
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averaging 1.72 kills and 1.27 blocks per game while maintaining a .370 hitting percentage.

The match can be seen on FSN or heard on KMAN AM-1350. First serve is set for 6:30 p.m.

## Web site, K-State administration won't be deciding factors for Patterson



JON GARTEN

shortly after it was put up. Athletic Director Bob Krause and Patterson's agent denied the story. Patterson acted outraged about the whole ordeal.

He even called ESPN-FM 103.3 in Dallas on Friday to voice his feelings.

"I don't appreciate the way the whole thing has been handled," Patterson told the radio station. "If anything, it would probably give Kansas State a far less chance of me even picking up the phone and talking to my alma mater. I'm disappointed in the way the whole thing was handled."

He's even said he's not pleased with schools that fire coaches midseason. This would put K-State, which fired Ron Prince with three games left on the schedule, in Patterson's doghouse.

Now, I'm not going to point any fingers at *GoPowercat.com* or the K-State administration. If Patterson

refuses to come to K-State, the main reason won't be because of those two.

If Patterson truly wants a new job, and he believes K-State is the best option, he'll be a Wildcat. It's that simple.

Even if Patterson was upset about the *GoPowercat* article, do you think that one story would be enough to make him say, "I'm done with K-State"?

K-State doesn't control the site. That's all Krause would need to remind Patterson. Surely, Patterson would agree his alma mater can't control an independent Web site.

It's also unlikely that firing Prince midseason will have a huge effect on Patterson's decision. First of all, look at his possible options. Clemson fired Tommy Bowden after six games. Tennessee will force Phillip Fulmer, who won the national title in 1998, to leave after this season.

Do you think Patterson is going to want to go to those places if giving a coach a fair chance is important? As even Prince acknowledged during his Monday press conference, coaches are fired midseason all the time. It's a business.

Here's a scenario that could hurt K-State: Texas Tech coach Mike Leach takes the Tennessee job. That could open up the Texas Tech job for Patterson.

That situation would be ideal for Patterson. He'd have a Big 12 job with a high-powered offense in place. He'd be stupid not to take it.

Patterson might not come to K-State, but it won't be because of the crazy events of last week.

The "Hour of Dominance" was nice while it lasted. For about one hour Friday afternoon, K-State football fans had the answer to their prayers. They had Gary Patterson.

*GoPowercat.com* reported that Gary Patterson agreed to a contract to coach at K-State. Unfortunately for Patterson fans, the Web site took the story down

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## STITCHERS | Old hobby, new tricks

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The women's description of their quilt-making and the joy it brings them makes it clear their hobby is much more than sewing – it's art.

"It's an artistic outlet for us that's different than the standard concept of what art is," Trussell said. "We don't use paints or charcoal or watercolors – we use fabric and stitching."

The group works on both individual and group projects. The collaborations of the entire group are often given to charities.

Youngman said the group got the idea in part from the children's book "Quilt Maker's Gift," in which a woman never makes

quilts for a king because he has everything.

"What she wanted to do was give it to people who deserved them and needed them, and it's just a wonderful story," Youngman said.

Since its formation, the group has made many charitable quilts, working together to help groups like Friends of the K-State Libraries, schools in Chapman, Kan., and Relay for Life. The quilts made for the Friends raised about \$1,000-\$1,500, Steward said. Trussell said working on these group quilts was very gratifying.

"The product that we could make together was better than anything any of us could have done individually," Trussell said. "The group

effort is what made it really special."

The group does have help from various people because materials are not cheap, costing about \$200 to \$300 per quilt, Trussell said.

In addition to being "the most wonderful therapy in the world," Steward said a quilt is a form of individual artistic expression that can be preserved for years.

"It's a very long-lasting kind of gift," Steward said. "It is something that can be passed on for generations – and usually is."

The group encourages interested people to join, even if they do not work at K-State Libraries. People should contact Youngman at [gyou@ksu.edu](mailto:gyou@ksu.edu).

## CHAPMAN | Locals contribute to process

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PTSD, memory loss and speech problems, according to the release. Less than a year later, his family's house was hit by the tornado.

Because of Patrick's injuries and his current part-time employment, the family finances cannot afford to rebuild or purchase a new home. Now "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has taken the task of rebuilding this soldier's home, according to the release.

While Pennington and the designers, a local builder coalition of A.F.M.C. Construction and Remodeling, Inc. of Salina; American Dream Development of Junction City; Blixt Construction, L.C. of Chapman; Harris Custom Homes LLC of Chapman; and Panton Construction Inc. of Salina; and hundreds of volunteers and workers are rebuild-

ing the home, the Tutwiler family will go on vacation. Work crews will work 24 hours a day until the project is done. The family will return on Nov. 18 with a viewing in the afternoon, according to the release.

The release also said that the design team for this episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" will feature team leader Ty Pennington and designers Paul DiMaggio, Paige Hemmis, Michael Moloney and Ed Sanders.

For those interested in cheering on the Tutwiler family and all the volunteers who will be helping to build them a home, the location address is 330 West Sixth, Chapman, Kan., 67431.

Spectator viewing locations of the project are available with shuttle transportation from the Kansas Auto Racing Museum, according to the release.

## Anthology features professor's research on role of head coverings in Amish life

By Jelani Yancey

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As part of a research project, K-State professor Jana Hawley lived in an Amish community in Jamesport, Mo., from 1991-92.

One significant strand of her research concerned the function of fashion in the Amish society. Hawley contributed an article on the role of religious headwear, which appears in a recent anthology, "The Veil: Women Writers on its History, Lore and Politics."

Edited by Jennifer Heath and published by the University of California Press, "The Veil" featured writings from 21 scholars, all representing and teaching about different histories and social contexts for veiling in different cultures.

Heath found Hawley's research in the process of collecting information for the anthology.

"We often see the veil as a Muslim thing," Heath said. "I wanted to contextualize the history and politics of the veil and put it in the perspective of a worldwide phenomenon. Not only Muslims wear a veil, but it comes in all forms, including the Amish head covering."

Hawley spoke of how she got to know the Amish people.

"With patience, they would accept me, even though I was an outsider," Hawley said of her time with the Amish.

In chapter five, "The Amish Veil: Symbol of Separation and Community," Hawley said Amish religious head coverings are worn to signal a separation from the broader American culture.

"While it is true that Amish clothing customs are steeped in religious leanings and traditions from the Bible," Hawley wrote in her chapter, "after

a year of living among the Amish, I am convinced that for many Amish, several of their customs derive more from deep-seeded convictions of what it means to be culturally Amish than from religious conviction."

All Amish are supposed to wear a religious head covering, Hawley said. The women wear a prayer cap or bonnet and the men wear a hat made of straw or felt.

"The Amish belief system is Christian-based, and as such, their head coverings stem from 1 Corinthians 11, which dictates that men should have their heads uncovered for prayer, but that women should cover their heads at all times even when they are not praying," Hawley continued in the book.

"There are primarily two reasons for this belief: submission to God and to man, and because the Bible says women are to 'pray without ceasing.'

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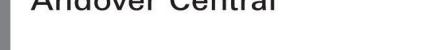
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# Solar Car team competes in national, international races

By Tiffany Roney  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A long, shiny machine zooms past. Though its top barely reaches knee height, the vehicle is impossible to miss, and its sophisticated curves seem futuristic. But this is not the future; this is the KSU Solar Car Racing Team's hand-crafted car competing in a race against other solar cars from universities across the U.S.

The team began in 1995, and is still going strong with about 20 members, 10 of whom are highly active in the organization.

"Solar racing is an activity in which organizations and individuals design, build and race vehicles that are completely powered by the sun's energy," according to the team's Web site.

Ray Schuefler, sophomore in electrical engineering and electrical team leader for the group, said the solar cars drive on less power than a hair dryer. Though the cars don't have much power, the team is propelled by a knowledgeable mentor.

"It's extremely energizing to spend time with a bunch of young idealistic engineers," said Ruth Miller, Solar Car adviser and associate professor of electrical engineering. "They know they can do anything."

Schuefler said the team planned to show a car in this year's homecoming parade, but the car wasn't running because of electrical issues. However, many parade attendees commented on the unusual vehicle and most said it looked like a spaceship.

Schuefler said other bystanders stared and asked if there really was a driver inside the car.

"It's whoever is skinny, can fit and is willing to be tortured," he said. "You're sitting in a little black box all day in the middle of summer."

But the solar cars aren't built to be comfortable — they are built for speed. According to Schuefler, the primary materials used to construct the cars are Kevlar and carbon fiber. He said Kevlar is 60 times stronger than steel for its unit weight.

Trevor Heitman, junior in mechanical engineering, is the mechanical team leader of Solar Car. Heitman said though the team builds 90 percent of the car themselves, they often accept help from the alumni and their companies. Schuefler said one company even constructed the inner frame of a solar car for them when they needed it.

"A company had some free time one weekend and made [the frame] for us," he said. "If we had to make it ourselves, it would have been well over \$20,000."

Building and racing solar cars is a very expensive hobby, Schuefler said.

"It would be cheaper to cover the car in fifty-dollar bills than to put solar cells on it," he said.

Fortunately for the team's members, more than half of their budget is covered by sponsorships.

"Basically, you give us some equipment and we put your name on the side of the trailer," Schuefler said.

When the team members talk about building their cars, Schuefler said many people ask when the solar cars will show up on the road with citizen drivers. He said it will never happen. The one time people see their cars on the



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The K-State Solar Car Racing Team has been racing cars for more than a decade and has existed since 1995. The Solar Car Team has designed a new car and will start construction soon. The team plans to travel to Australia in October 2009 to race in the World Solar Challenge from Darwin to Adelaide.

road is during the long races. Schuefler said the farthest trip for a K-State solar car was the 2006 North American Solar Challenge from Austin, Texas, to Calgary, Canada.

Schuefler said that during the long races, the team has one hour to charge their cars in the morning and another hour after the day's race.

"All you can do is prop it up at the sun and hope," he said.

Though he takes racing seriously, Schuefler said his favorite part about the races is the community.

"We're all competing against each other, but there are people from different schools helping each other finish building their cars," he said. "There is so much camaraderie."

In addition to the long races that take place every other summer, the team participates in various car shows in Kansas during the fall and spring semesters. In October, the team visited Kansas City, Mo., to participate in a show.

"I got to drive a solar car 44 miles per hour around the Kansas Speedway," Schuefler said. "Not many people can say they've done that."

Heitman said his favorite Solar Car experience took place during Summer 2008 in Texas. He said that though K-State's team did not race, they went down to help out. A

former K-State Solar Car member, Jack Farr, saw their name on the list and offered to show them around.

A computer science graduate, Farr now resides in Texas and owns a racetrack he built.

"It's a track for people who are super-rich and own million-dollar cars," Heitman said. "They pay him for them to drive around his track in their fast cars."

Miller said the hands-on experience the team receives at these shows boosts students' chances in the job hunt.

"Garmin takes all the Solar Car members it can get its hands on, and National Instruments fights with them," she said. "They're just having wars."

In addition to the comments and questions the team receives, Schuefler said the most common misconception is that the team is only for engineers.

Miller said with a laugh that this idea was wrong. "Students should join if they like money, and like working with crazy men."

The team plans to travel to Australia in October 2009 to race in the World Solar Challenge from Darwin to Adelaide. For those interested in getting involved in the Solar Car team, the group meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in Rathbone Hall, room 1061.

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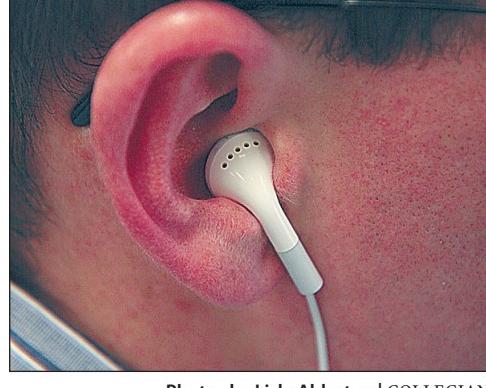
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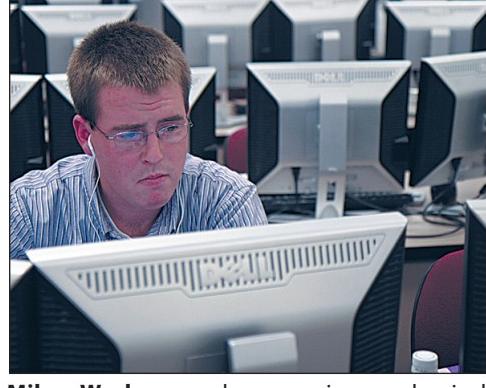
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### K-State ranks No. 2 on PC Magazine list of electronically savvy colleges

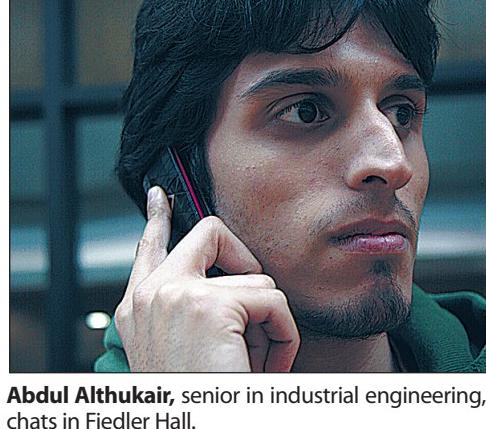


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Students listen to iPods, while doing homework.



Mike Worley, sophomore in mechanical engineering, surfs the net in his IMSE 250 class.



Abdul Althukair, senior in industrial engineering, chats in Fiedler Hall.



Tommy Theis, sophomore in information, works on his Web site in his room at Goodnow Hall.

By Eden Lehr  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State has received national recognition from PC Magazine as the country's No. 2 Wired College of 2008.

Changes in the curricula at K-State have been apparent in recent years, as many departments have converted to computer-based materials. Online lectures, podcasts and tech support are just a few of the electronic resources available to students every year, and K-State continues to progress in the technology era.

PC Magazine, which releases a list of the top 20 wired campuses each year, ranks schools based on data collected by the Princeton Review. According to the article, only eight of the top 20 schools in the 2006 review made it to this year's list.

The former No. 1, Villanova University, dropped to No. 15, and MIT, the No. 2 school in 2006 dropped to No. 20 in 2008. With the University of Oklahoma ranked No. 10, K-State is the only other Big 12 School featured on the list.

So what does K-State offer that makes it worthy of the title of No. 2 school in the nation?

Along with live telephone and online support, K-State is the only university that prevents access to peer-to-peer (P2P) networks, which are used to download pirated music and movies. But K-State offers a lot more than one might think.

Rebecca Gould, director of the Information Technology Assistant Center in Hale Library, said iTAC offers K-State students, faculty and staff walk-in, telephone and online help service. iTAC also offers technology training services, laptop rentals, still and video cameras and overhead projectors.

"We worked with more than 40,000 calls, e-mails and walk-ins at the [Hale Library] Help Desk from August 2007 to August 2008," Gould said.

The media development center in the library offers high-end equipment, including podcast and video-editing stations, and even a sound booth to record music and other audio in quiet and private.

Along with the 200 computers available in Hale Library, the library also offers new collaborative technology, which includes flat-panel screens for group work.

Students can simply plug their individual laptops into the panel, allowing everyone to work together on one screen. There are two PC plug-in panels and one Mac available.

"I see students all huddled around one computer to do their group work," Gould said. "They can just use the panels [in the library] to work together ... they are a great tool."

Unlike any other school on the list, K-State also has 76 percent to 99 percent of its lectures available online. Though K-State's large percentage of online lectures is a campus-wide effort, most of the lectures are contributed by the Division of Biology.

Brian Spooner, director of the Division of Biology, said much of the biology faculty manages its courses on K-State Online. He said K-State Online is convenient when dealing with the department's entry-level class.

"Principles of Biology, which is our introductory course, is offered to 800 students each semester," Spooner said. "Professors post their PowerPoint slides on K-State Online, and a lot of students are able to get their lecture notes, take quizzes and check their grades."

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign went from No. 6 in 2006 to this year's No. 1 spot as the most-wired school.

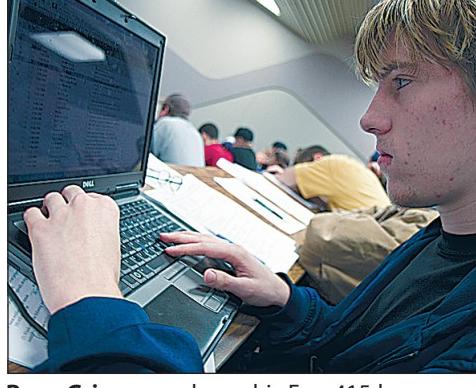
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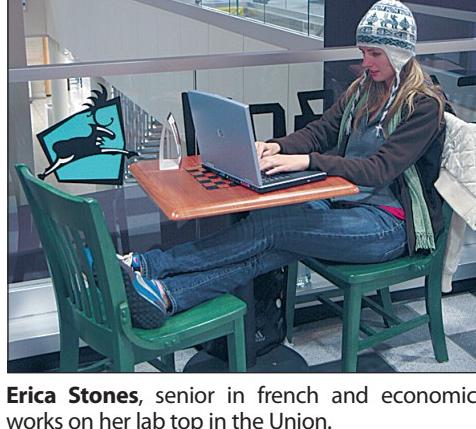
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#### ENTERTAINMENT GURU

### Brett Dennen releases new album, shares why he thinks it's important to grow as an artist

#### "Hope for the Hopeless"

★★★★★

Album review by Eric Davis

Brett Dennen's sophomore album "Hope for the Hopeless" is a wonderful follow up to his first album, "So Much More."

The overall sound of the new album is what I would consider a logical step forward. There are no new instruments in this album and nothing really separates it from its predecessor.

The worst aspect of "So Much More" was how raw it sounded. It was like Brett won some recording hours in a battle of the bands competition and pushed the record too quickly.

That is not the case with this go-around. The album sounds incredible – the music is crisp and made what could have been a mediocre album good.

Other than that, the album is mediocre at best.

The guitar parts are entertaining, but they lack anything to make them remarkable. They are mellow and extremely easy to listen to. Some songs sound as if Jack Johnson wrote them.

The lyrics are also lackluster. They attempt to paint many glorious pictures of freedom and love and are most often too on the nose to be completely appreciated.

The brightest shining light in the lyrical community that makes up the album comes in the song "Wrong About Me."

"You could say that I sold out but, nobody works for free," he croons over his trademark guitar playing.

Other than the occasional lyrical gem, the best part about Brett Dennen is his sound. He is generally unremarkable but somehow manages to blend all the elements together to make a smooth, mellow sound.

I would recommend him to anyone who likes Jack Johnson, Colbie Caillat or music that easily fades into the background.

In lieu of my usual question and answer column, I decided to take a different path regarding my column.

Brett Dennen, a singer-songwriter, recently released his sophomore album "Hope For The Hopeless." I had the opportunity to ask him a few questions about his latest project.

**Q: With the recognition you have been getting over the past two years, do you think that's had an effect on your songwriting?**

A: I don't think it's affected my writing at all. I think the publicity is finally catching up to the work that I've been doing for so long.

**Q: How important is it to evolve as a musician?**

A: It's obviously really hard to evolve as a musician. Evolving is growing, and if you're not growing, you're stuck in a rut. You have to grow or material won't be

fresh or inspired.

**Q: What is your No. 1 rule for songwriting?**

A: Be authentic, and be true. Come from the heart and say something you might be afraid to say. When you do that, you are being true to yourself, which makes you authentic.

**Q: How do you feel about doing collaborations?**

A: Over the last year I've done a few [collaborations]. I did one with Jason Mraz, I sang on a couple different people's records; right now I'm writing songs with a friend of mine for his record that will come out next year. I think it's really good because it allows you to grow as an artist by seeing how your work compares to others. You learn new things and take on a little bit of the other artist.

Eric Davis is a fifth-year student in print journalism. Please send comments to [edge@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:edge@spub.ksu.edu).



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"Chapter 11 is not a closing or liquidation," the company said in an e-mail to CNNMoney.com. "We remain committed to doing a better job of taking care of our guests, and making it easier to shop at Circuit City."

For anyone that's on the hunt for a sweet deal on a flatscreen TV, Circuit City spokesman Jim Babb said it's "safe to assume" that consumers can expect deep discounts on TVs and other products in those Circuit City stores that are being liquidated.

In the rest of its stores, Babb said the company's prices will remain competitive with the market over the coming weeks. Circuit City said it is seeking approval from the bankruptcy court to honor customer programs such as returns, exchanges and gift cards.

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## K-State 'Guess Who?'

On a team of inexperienced players and newcomers, it is still uncertain who will step up and lead the men's team.

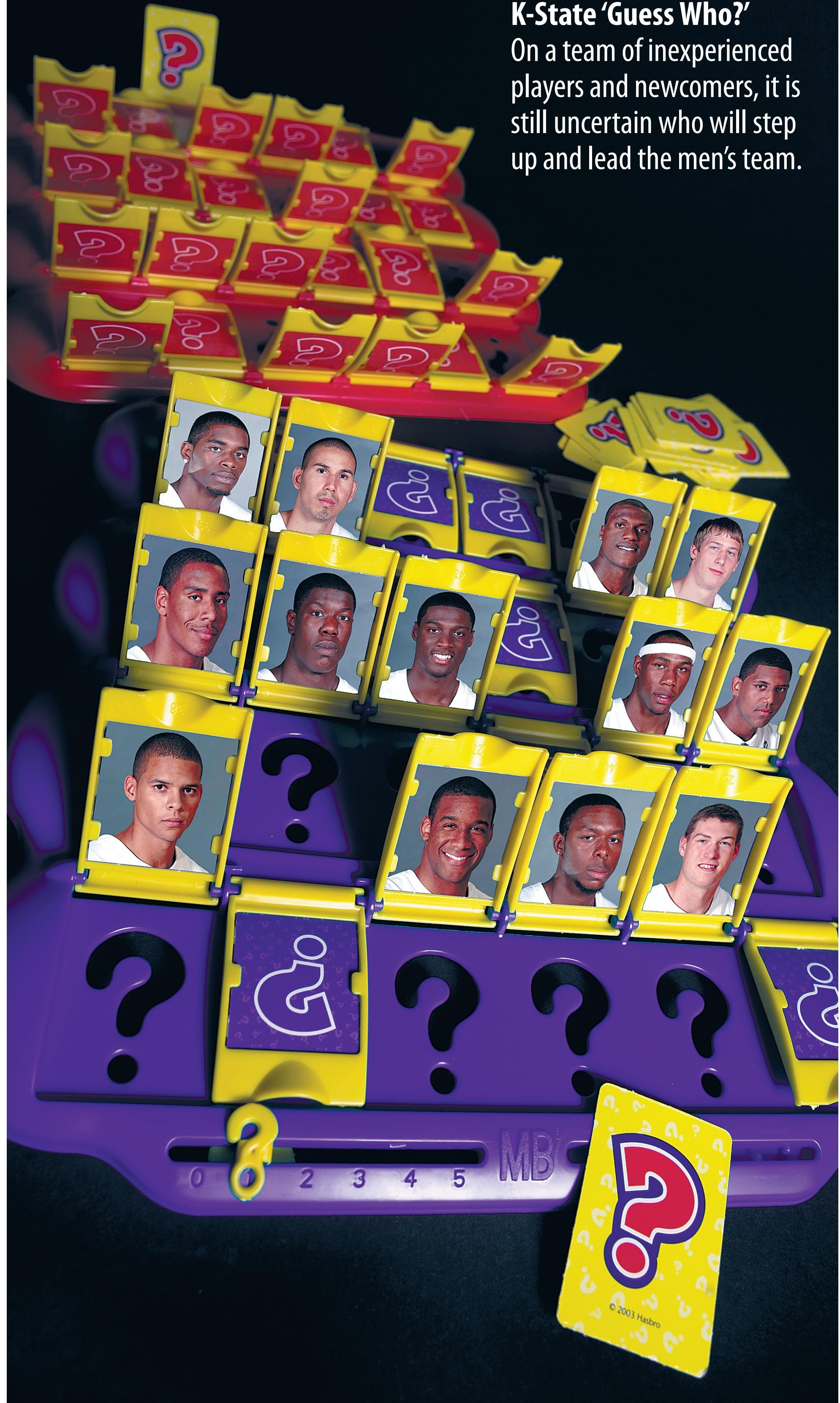


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OFF THE COURT WITH JACOB PULLEN

## Pullen talks about who to watch this season, Beasley in NBA



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Point guard **Jacob Pullen** drives into the lane during the game Sunday against Washburn University. Pullen scored 21 points, leading the team to an 81-57 win.

By Steve Berklund  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

*Jacob Pullen is a sophomore point guard from St. Louis. Pullen recently answered questions about which newcomer Wildcat fans should be looking for this season, what games he has circled on his calendar and now being a Miami Heat fan.*

**Q: What are your expectations going into your sophomore season?**  
**A:** I really do expect us to be Big 12 champs and Elite 8 in the NCAA tournament at least.

**Q: Are there any games on the schedule that you circled on your calendar, like the KU game?**

**A:** The Oregon game, KU always and Texas. We have to go to Texas this year, so that's a game we're going to have to win.

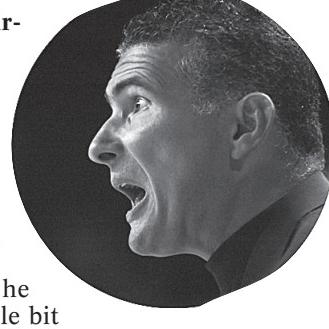
**Q: Last year there were a couple of your decisions that got you put on the bench. Do you feel like now you have a better understanding of what Frank wants?**

**A:** It was a learning process last year. So, this year he expects me to know a lot more and he gives me a little bit more leeway. You can just tell how practices are going this year; we just understand each other better. He still might throw me on the bench for a bad turnover.

**Q: Which of the newcomers should K-State fans be looking for to make a splash this year?**  
**A:** Do they consider Denis Clemente a newcomer? If so, it would probably be Denis.

**Q: With Denis being on the team, you're going to play less point guard. Is that going to be nice? Different?**

**A:** In high school I played AAU ball with the starting point guard at UAB, so playing with other point guards isn't a bad thing. The good thing about Denis is that he's a capable scorer.

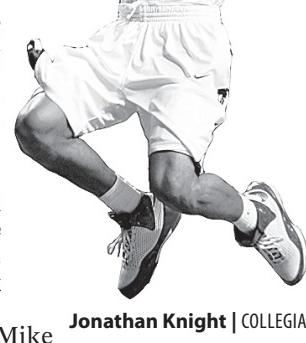


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**Q: Being a point guard, who would you say you model your game after?**  
**A:** I model my game after Chris Paul and Gilbert Arenas.

**Q: Bill Walker and Michael Beasley were drafted earlier this year. Do you still talk to them?**

**A:** I talk to Mike about 4-5 times a week and Bill at least twice a week. Me and Mike talk a lot.



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**Q: So are you a Miami Heat fan now?**  
**A:** Yeah, I'll probably watch their games just because of Mike.

**Q: What does Jacob Pullen like to do in his free time?**

**A:** Me and my roommates Dominique Sutton, Curtis Kelly and Jamar Samuels, we play a lot of "NBA 2009" and just like to hang out a lot.



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# Wildcats look to prove doubters wrong with strong season



By Cole Manbeck  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's basketball team opens the 2008-09 season as an unknown commodity to many. The Big 12 Conference preseason coaches' poll has picked the Wildcats to finish in the bottom-half of the conference.

Much of the attention has been on the loss of freshmen phenoms Michael Beasley and Bill Walker to the NBA.

The Wildcats return only 27.3 percent of their scoring from last year's team and only one starter in sophomore guard Jacob Pullen.

Yet this year's team will look to its youthful veterans to provide much of the scoring lost from last year's unit.

K-State returns nine players from last year's squad, which took K-State to its first NCAA tournament win since 1988.

Seven of those players received significant minutes last season. The other two, Denis Clemente and Jamar Samuels, both redshirted.

K-State coach Frank Martin said he has thoroughly enjoyed coaching this year's group because of its experience.

"It is obvious that we are a much better defensive team than what we were a year ago," said Martin at

K-State's media day. "It has nothing to do with subtraction - it has all to do with nine returning players."

This year's team will be more guard-oriented than last year's, with Pullen and Clemente, who has been timed going baseline-to-baseline on the dribble in 3.9 seconds.

Clemente, who is the second-cousin of Baseball Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente, practiced with the team all of last season while sitting out due to NCAA transfer rules.

"They both have come in and been phenomenal," Martin said.

Pullen, who has always been known for his ability to score, will have the opportunity with the addition of Clemente to play the two-guard spot rather than being the full-time point guard. He said people around the country are underestimating the ability of this year's team.

"We have a new identity," Pullen said. "Everyone has us out to be not very good and that just makes us hungry. We practice harder knowing that everyone expects KU, Texas and every other team in the Big 12 to be a lot better than us. They have us at like eight or nine in the Big 12, so that just makes us work a lot harder."

Sophomore wing player Dominique Sutton returns with his defensive prowess. Sutton said this year's team will be more aggressive

offensively, including himself.

"It will be a better team," Sutton said. "Mike [Beasley] and Bill [Walker] - they were two great players. But this year it was more of a team instead of two people. We are all getting involved this year. You're talking about K-State, not just one or two people."

The Wildcats will be relatively inexperienced in the interior, with freshmen Jamar Samuels, sophomore Ron Anderson and junior Luis Colon and senior Darren Kent carrying the bulk of the minutes. Anderson, Colon and Kent combined to contribute 7.6 points per game last year and seven rebounds.

K-State brought in two junior college players to add depth to the team in juniors Buchi Awaji and Abdul Herrera.

Herrera, a 6-foot-10, 265-pound post player has been suffering from a knee injury that happened in a pickup game.

Martin said the Wildcats will rely heavily on its defense.

"We are going to pressure every dribble, every pass and every shot," Martin said. "We will attempt to not allow anything."

The men's basketball season tips off at 7 p.m. this Friday at Bramlage Coliseum against the Florida A&M Rattlers.

Junior center Luis Colon handles the ball during the Wildcats exhibition victory against Washburn.

## Exhibition performance showed promise



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When the men's basketball team took the floor for last weekend's exhibition game against Washburn, the absences of No. 30 and No. 12 in the Wildcat lineup were noticeable, to say the least.

After just 36 points on 30.3 percent shooting, a whopping 15 turnovers and what felt like a hundred personal fouls committed by K-State in the game's first 20 minutes, the holes caused by those ab-

sences seemed to be getting larger and larger.

However, when the Wildcats emerged from the locker room for the second half, it was a totally different story. K-State's shooting percentage nearly doubled (59.4 percent) – including a 41.7 percent clip from behind the arc – and the turnovers were cut in half (7). By the end of the game, three Wildcats – senior Darren Kent, junior Denis Clemente and sophomore Jacob Pullen – had reached double figures, and three others – junior Luis Colon, sophomore Dominique Sutton and redshirt-freshman Jamar Samuels – came within two points of the double-digit mark.

Hopefully, the game's second half was an accurate preview of K-State's 2008-09 campaign.

With such a young squad – eight members of the team are members of the freshman or sophomore class – there's a good

chance it will take a while for a sense of leadership to develop within the team. If that's the case, then a strong all-around performance will be required from everyone in every contest. It was inspiring to see so many players show the ability to score, but that's an area on which K-State needs to continue to improve during the nonconference slate.

Long story short: While there is plenty of talent, nobody on the 2008 roster possesses the capabilities of Michael Beasley or Bill Walker, so the Wildcats can no longer afford to ride on the performance of one or two players.

Pullen, who many expect to emerge as the team's leader, didn't disappoint in Sunday's contest, as he netted a game-high 21 points and went 4-of-5 from three-point range.

Clemente, who played in his first

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### KEY RETURNING PLAYERS

**G Jacob Pullen**

23.4 minutes, 9.7 points, 3.2 assists

**F Dominique Sutton**

13.5 minutes, 3.3 points, 2.5 rebounds

**F Darren Kent**

13.4 minutes, 2.5 points, 2.3 rebounds

**F Ron Anderson**

12 minutes, 3.3 points, 3.6 rebounds

**G Fred Brown**

9.2 minutes, 3.9 points, 1.3 rebounds

**C Luis Colon**

5.6 minutes, 1.1 points, 1.1 rebounds

### KEY NEWCOMERS

**G Denis Clemente**

27.5 minutes, 9.8 points, 3.3 assists

**F Jamar Samuels**

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# Big 12 preview

No North teams in preseason Top 25; 5 South squads make rankings

The south has been pinned with high expectations as five teams appear in the AP Preseason Top 25 Rankings. Oklahoma is the only team to crack the top 10, with Texas A&M, Texas, Oklahoma State and Baylor spread throughout the remainder of the rankings. The north is represented by K-State and Iowa State, as both received votes yet couldn't crack the top 25.

## NORTH DIVISION



### K-State

Last season: (22-10, 13-3 Big 12 Conference)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 7

Key Player: Senior guard Shalee Lehning. After a stellar junior season in which she was named first team first team All-Big 12, Lehning looks to lead the Wildcats back into the NCAA Tournament.



### Kansas

Last season: (17-16, 4-12)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 9

Key Player: Junior guard Danielle McCray. Leading the Jayhawks in scoring in 2007-08, McCray has led the Jayhawks in both exhibition victories to begin her junior campaign.



### Nebraska

Last season: (21-12, 9-7)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 8

Key Player: Junior guard Yvonne Turner. Beginning her junior campaign, Turner already has shown leadership as she helped the Cornhuskers recover from an 11-point second-half deficit to defeat Nebraska-Kearney in a preseason exhibition match up by scoring a game-high 28 points.



### Iowa State

Last season: (21-13, 7-9)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 3

Key Player: Junior guard Heather Ezell. Ezell was named to the Big 12 all-tournament team after leading the Cyclones past top-seeded K-State and averaging 17.6 points per game. She also hit 17 3-pointers in the tournament. The senior will look to carry over that success into the 2008-09 season.

## Colorado

Last season: (19-15, 5-11)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 11

Key Player: Freshman guard Alyssa Fressle. As a freshman, Fressle already has made a splash on the Buffaloes' squad as she scored a team-high 18 points in Colorado's exhibition win against Regis University.



### Baylor, No. 19

Last season: (25-7, 12-4)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 4

Key Player: Sophomore guard Melissa Jones. Last season Jones was a solid contributor as a freshman and looks to have a breakout season.



## Missouri

Last season: (10-21, 2-14)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 12

Key Player: Senior guard Alyssa Hollins. As a 3-point shooting threat, Hollins has set many Tiger 3-point shooting records, including career 3-pointers made with 166.



### Oklahoma State, No. 14

Last season (27-8, 11-5)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 7

Key Player: Junior guard Andrea Riley. Riley became the first Cowgirl to receive All-American Honors by The Associated Press last season as she was selected on the second team.

## SOUTH DIVISION



### Texas A&M, No. 11

Last season: (29-8, 11-5)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 10

Key Player: Senior guard Danielle Grant. Named All Big 12 First Team in 2007-08 season, Grant will look to lead the Aggies to another appearance in the NCAA Tournament.



### Texas, No. 13

Last season: (22-13, 7-9)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 2

Key Player: Junior guard Brittainey Raven. Raven proved to be an asset to the Longhorns after scoring a game-high 17 points in their final exhibition match against Houston.



### Oklahoma, No. 4

Last season: (22-9, 11-5)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 1

Key Player: Senior center Courtney Paris. An Associated Press first-team All-American from 2007-08, Paris will look to lead the Sooners this season as they attempt to expand on last year's success.



### Texas Tech

Last season: (17-16, 4-12)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 10

Key Player: Junior guard Jordan Murphree. Murphree played in all 33 games last season and led all scorers in the Lady Red Raiders' final exhibition game against the Houston Jaguars.

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# Big 12 preview

Much like football, men's teams in South Division dominate rankings

The 2008-09 men's basketball season kicks off this week. Oklahoma and Texas look to have a stranglehold on the top two spots, but the rest of the 10 teams - and possibly even the top two spots - could end up in any order. The Big 12 Conference is wide open, so get ready for a wild season.

## NORTH DIVISION



### Kansas, No. 23

Last Season: (37-3, 13-3 Big 12 Conference)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 4

Key player: Sherron Collins averaged 9.3 points per game last year as the Jayhawks went on to win the National Championship. Kansas lost all five starters and eight players from their roster. Collins will have to shoulder most of the offensive load for KU this season.



### Missouri

Last Season: (16-16, 6-10)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 7

Key player: Leo Lyons averaged 13.1 points per game and 5.7 rebounds last year and will have to increase his production after Keon Lawrence transferred to Seton Hall earlier this year.



### K-State

Last Season: (21-12, 10-6)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 8

Key player: Jacob Pullen averaged 9.7 points and 3.2 assists per game last year on a Wildcat team that was lead by Michael Beasley and Bill Walker. If the Wildcats want to make it back to the NCAA tournament for the second straight year, Pullen will have to lead this team, as he is the most experienced player on the roster.



### Nebraska

Last Season: (20-13, 13-4)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 9

Key player: Cookie Miller averaged 6.1 points and 3.6 assists per game last year as a true freshman. He is the spark that ignites the Husker offense.

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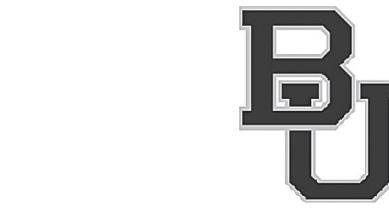
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### Iowa State

Last Season: (14-18, 4-12)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 11

Key player: Craig Brackins averaged 11.4 points and five rebounds and will need to boost his production after Wesley Johnson transferred to Syracuse. The Cyclones welcome some much-needed size with their incoming recruiting class – their six new team members include three power forwards and a center.



### Colorado

Last Season: (12-20, 3-13)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 11

Key player: Cory Higgins averaged 8.3 points per game last year as a freshman. He is the only returning player who averaged at least five points per game.

## SOUTH DIVISION



### Oklahoma, No. 14

Last Season: (23-11, 10-8)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 1

Key player: Blake Griffin returns after leading the Sooners in scoring last year, averaging 14.7 points and 9.1 rebounds a game. He considered jumping to the NBA but decided to come back for his sophomore year and is now considered to be the top overall pick in next year's draft.



### Texas A&M

Last Season: (25-11, 8-8)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 5

Key player: Josh Carter is the Aggies top-returning scorer, averaging 12.2 points per game. He will have to carry more of the offensive load after A&M lost three of its top six scorers.



### Oklahoma State

Last Season: (17-16, 7-9)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 6

Key player: New coach Travis Ford takes over a team that returns four starters. But OSU's success depends on the development of Ibrahima Thomas, the team's only top-caliber post player.



### Texas Tech

Last Season: (16-15, 7-9)

Preseason Big 12 ranking: 10

Key player: Pat Knight takes over for his legendary father, and he has a lot of work to do in his first full season. Returning scorer Alan Voskuil, who averaged 13.1 points per game, will be the focal point of most opposing defenses, as Texas Tech doesn't seem to have a

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## Women cruise through exhibition play, seem ready for regular season



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Freshman forward **Branshea Brown** goes up for a shot against a Washburn defender on Nov. 2. K-State won both exhibition games by a combined 51 points, and a core of experienced players look to repeat as Big 12 Champions and move deep into the postseason.

By Brad Dornes  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's basketball team concluded exhibition play last Friday with a win against Emporia State 89-57.

Junior forward Ashley Sweat led all scorers with 19 points. Eleven different Wildcats scored, including seven who scored eight or more points.

The Wildcats cruised through exhibition play winning both games by an average of 25 points.

The defending Big 12 Conference champions enter the 2008-09 season picked to finish seventh.

"The Big 12 is loaded again this year, but we are ready to go," head coach Deb Patterson said. "Preseason picks are just ideas. Every team just tosses them out and plays the season."

The Wildcats will be without leading scorer Kimberly Dietz, who graduated after last season.

"She was very confident last year," Patterson said. "Someone will have to step up and want the responsibility."

But K-State does return four starters, seniors Shalee Lehning and Marlies Gipson and juniors Kari Kincaid and Ashley Sweat.

Patterson said if the Wildcats want to be successful this year, Lehning and Gipson must lead the way.

"Shalee is one of the top point guards in the nation," Patterson said. "We need her to continue to be the playmaker that she is."

Lehning was named to the Preseason Wooden Award watch list. The preseason list consists of 30 student-athletes from 25 schools ad 10 different conferences.

She is also a Big 12 first team selection, a 2008-09 All-Big 12 preseaoon first team selection and a 2008-09 All-American candidate.

Gibson returns as the main low post threat for the Wildcats.

"Marlies is a phenomenal player for her

size. Her rebounding and scoring numbers are tremendous for a post player of her height. She has a great basketball I.Q. and is becoming more of a vocal leader," she added.

Gibson said she wanted to be more assertive on the court this year.

"Besides being more vocal," she said. "I also think I should be leading by example and to just do the little things to make this team better."

Repeating as Big 12 Champions will be an uphill struggle for the Wildcats this year, as five teams are ranked in the USA Today preseaso Top 25 poll.

"Every game we will have to adjust and adapt," Lehning said. "Every team is physical and every game will be tough."

K-State officially opens the 2008-09 season at 6:30 p.m. Friday as the team travels to El Paso, Texas, to play Texas-El Paso at the Don Haskins Center.

### KEY RETURNING PLAYERS

**G Shalee Lehning**  
33.5 minutes, 11.3 points, 7.6 rebounds, 6.3 assists

**F Marlies Gipson**  
29.1 minutes, 11.7 points, 7.5 rebounds

**F Ashley Sweat**  
28.9 minutes, 11.2 points, 3.4 rebounds

**G Kari Kincaid**  
25 minutes, 5.3 points, 2 rebounds

**F Dannielle Zanotti**  
14.9 minutes, 2.1 points, 1.4 rebounds

**G Shalin Spani**  
9 minutes, 1.5 points, 1.2 rebounds

**G Kelsey Nelson**  
8.6 minutes, 3.7 points, 1.3 rebounds

### KEY NEWCOMERS

**G/F Alina Voronenko**  
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## COLUMN | Cats move past Beasley, Walker

Continued from Page 3

game after sitting out last season due to NCAA eligibility rules, showed flashes of brilliance throughout the contest – including an NBA-range three-pointer at the end of the first half and a long-distance alley-oop to Samuels that sent the Bramlage Coliseum crowd into a frenzy.

Kent, the team's lone senior, was just one rebound short of a double-

double and registered a game-high four blocks.

In order to surpass their projected finish of eighth place in the Big 12, everyone will have to continue to build on their performances throughout the year. Needless to say, K-State was spoiled last season. As he enters his second season at the helm, head coach Frank Martin knows as well as anyone that a full team effort will be required to succeed this year.

"These players didn't come here to play for Michael Beasley or Bill Walker," Martin said in a preseason interview.

"They came here to play for Kansas State University."

If Martin and the Wildcats plan on silencing the doubters, that's exactly what they'll have to do.

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